



**TORPOINT
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NEWSLETTER



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Academic Year 2018/19 Term Dates:

Half Term - 22nd to 26th October
Christmas - 21st December to 6th January

Upcoming Events

Sixth Form Open Evening - 6th November
ARD Evening - 15th November
ARD Day - 16th November
Post 16 Parents' Evening - 27th November
Year 10 Parents' Evening - 4th December

Next Steps Roadshow

We were delighted to welcome the Next Steps South West (NSSW) Roadshow bus to TCC to work with students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

NSSW aims to increase students awareness and knowledge about higher education. Students were able to speak to university students, complete personality profiles and find out what university teaching is like by taking part in a seminar about French rap.



Students were able to voice their opinions and justify them articulately.

Well done to all those who were invited to the road show. If students would like to do some more careers research, especially into the benefits of higher education, don't forget to use the CareerPilot or Unifrog websites.

World Cup of Books

At the end of the Summer Term the English Department held 'The World Cup of Books' competition to find TCC's favourite book.



After many rounds of voting by students in the different genres it was decided that Harry Potter was the winner.

No real surprise there!

Good News

Joshua Staniford left Torpoint Community College in July 2016 and joined Plymouth College to do a diploma in Professional Cookery Level 1. Due to his great performance he re enrolled at the College in 2017 to do the diploma level 3 advanced.

Josh found it to be a lot of hard work but thanks to his dedication, and having the support of a mentor at HMS Raleigh where he works as a chef, he became top of his class receiving merits and distinctions.

At the end of the year the students had a class BBQ where he was awarded Student of the Year for his hard work and determination, and always giving his best to every challenge. He is currently working at HMS RALEIGH as a chef, saving money to travel the world as a chef.

Well done Joshua.



Science News

The Gardens for Life was given an extension this year with the added bonus of a council funded allotment.

The students planted a variety of vegetables during July's Activities Week, one of which was a marrow plant donated by one of the allotments' committee members. As you can see from the pictures the allotment is thriving and the marrow weighs in at just under 2 stone.

We have had an amazing crop both from the allotment and the Gardens for Life. Well done to last year's Year 8 and we look forward to bigger and better for this year's Year 8!



Message from TCC Marketing

Do you have any good news stories you would like to share? We would love to hear from you so we can share them, if appropriate, with the wider College community.

Please e-mail the details to:
TCCMarketing@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

North Cornwall Book Festival

Fourteen Year 9 students have recently had the opportunity to attend the North Cornwall Book Festival in St Endellion where they took part in 3 workshops hosted by established authors.

The students learned about becoming an author, publishing their own work on Amazon and how to make their own books and pockets for journals out of scraps of paper amongst other things.

Mrs Bertram, Mrs Hodgetts and all of the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.



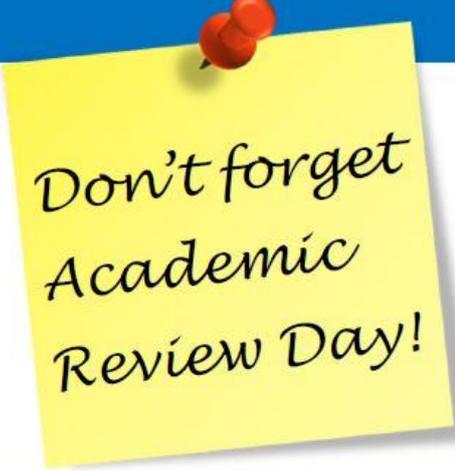
Year 10 Spanish visit to Liskeard

On Friday 5th October a group of Year 10 students from TCC took part in a languages day at Liskeard School and Community College along with students from Looe Community Academy.

We completed different group tasks including interpreting, marketing and translating with other students to practise our Spanish and see how we can use these skills in the working world. At the end of the day some of us got awards for our excellent work.

Written by Caden Mogg.

Miss Murphy and Mr Riley would like to thank the Year 10 students involved as they represented our College excellently with perfect behaviour and impressive knowledge of Spanish.



Academic Review Day

Date and Time: 4pm—7pm Thursday 15th November
8.30am—1.30pm Friday 16th November

Venue: Torpoint Community College, Trevol Road, Torpoint

TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED!

STUDY CAFE

YEAR 10 & 11
SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3.30PM—5.30PM

- * Free Tea and Coffee
- * Computer Access
- * Quiet Place to Work
- * Space for Group Work
- * Stamp for Your Intervention Passport.



Headteacher's Message

This has certainly been a very busy half term and start to the new Academic Year. Congratulations to all Year 7 students for settling into the College community; it has been a pleasure to see you grow in confidence and focus on your learning.

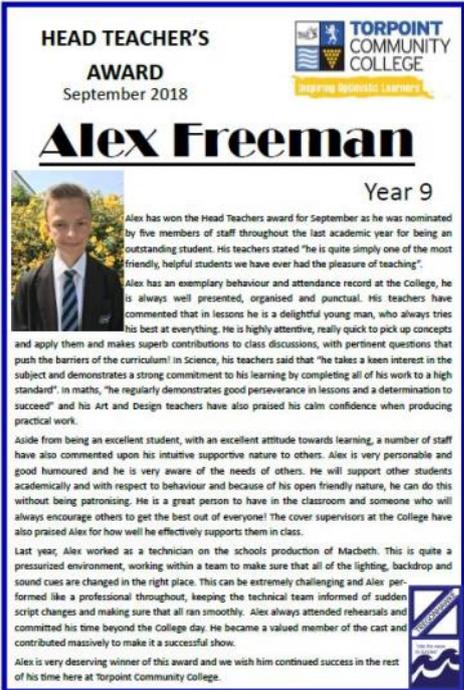
Students have been involved in an array of events recently, including the Next Steps Roadshow, World Cup of Books, North Cornwall Book festival and the Year 10 Spanish visit to Liskeard. In addition a large number of students experienced their first training walk in preparation for Ten Tors.

On Wednesday 10th October the College held a Muffin Day in support of World Mental Health Day. Students arrived at the College dressed in yellow in support of the charity YoungMinds, and the College Head Space Project.

I would like to wish all students and their families a restful and safe half term break and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 29th October. A gentle reminder that the clocks go back an hour on Sunday 28th October!

With my kind regards

Dr Jeremy Plumb
Acting Headteacher



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD
September 2018

Alex Freeman
Year 9

Alex has won the Head Teachers award for September as he was nominated by five members of staff throughout the last academic year for being an outstanding student. His teachers stated "he is quite simply one of the most friendly, helpful students we have ever had the pleasure of teaching".

Alex has an exemplary behaviour and attendance record at the College, he is always well presented, organised and punctual. His teachers have commented that in lessons he is a delightful young man, who always tries his best at everything. He is highly attentive, really quick to pick up concepts and apply them and makes superb contributions to class discussions, with pertinent questions that push the barriers of the curriculum! In Science, his teachers said that "he takes a keen interest in the subject and demonstrates a strong commitment to his learning by completing all of his work to a high standard". In maths, "he regularly demonstrates good perseverance in lessons and a determination to succeed" and his Art and Design teachers have also praised his calm confidence when producing practical work.

Aside from being an excellent student, with an excellent attitude towards learning, a number of staff have also commented upon his intuitive supportive nature to others. Alex is very personable and good humoured and he is very aware of the needs of others. He will support other students academically and with respect to behaviour and because of his open friendly nature, he can do this without being patronising. He is a great person to have in the classroom and someone who will always encourage others to get the best out of everyone! The cover supervisors at the college have also praised Alex for how well he effectively supports them in class.

Last year, Alex worked as a technician on the school's production of Macbeth. This is quite a pressurized environment, working within a team to make sure that all of the lighting, backdrop and sound cues are changed in the right place. This can be extremely challenging and Alex performed like a professional throughout, keeping the technical team informed of sudden script changes and making sure that all ran smoothly. Alex always attended rehearsals and committed his time beyond the College day. He became a valued member of the cast and contributed massively to make it a successful show.

Alex is very deserving winner of this award and we wish him continued success in the rest of his time here at Torpoint Community College.

Good news

Former Torpoint Community College student Laura Lofting has recently featured in the Plymouth Herald '35 Under 35: The super-smart rising stars of Plymouth's business scene' list.

Laura is a solicitor at Gill Akaster and studied for her Law degree at Cardiff University before being awarded her masters and legal practice course accreditation from the University of Plymouth.

She has also won a national award from the prestigious Law Firm Services as the Best Young Conveyancer of the South! Her firm also won the Best Firm of the South and South West.



Laura has previously returned to the College to share her experiences with students during Careers Week.

Well done Laura!